

From the Independent Democrat.

First Article in Case in Indiana.

Three White Persons Convicted in Slave-try.

We published a few weeks since, an account of the great arrest and delivery into Slavery of a white family, consisting of a grandfather, daughter and grandson, in Indiana, under the present Fugitive Slave Law. The *Ledger*, printed at New Albany, is, from which place they were adjudged into Slavery, by a U. S. Commissioner, says that "the arrest, imprisonment and final delivery over to slavery of this family of white slaves, was one of the most revolting sights ever witnessed. The women and little boy were pronounced white by all who knew them." Yet they were poor and strangers. The slave hunter swores before the Commissioners that they were slaves, and they were placed in charge of the U. S. Marshals, and ordered, *at the expense of the U. S. Government*, into Arkansas, from which State they were alleged to have escaped. Under this order they were carried as far as Louisville, Ky., where their helpless condition became known, as also the fact that they were white, a subscription of \$100 was raised, paid over to the claimant, who was named Tramell, and they were released and sent back to the humble home from which they had been, under color of a monstrous law, induced.

The *Ledger* concludes its account of this most diabolical illustration of the Fugitive Slave Law as follows:

"...we delineate one of the most singular and interesting cases of the kind which we will venture to say, has ever occurred in the United States. It is a remarkable fact that the sympathy for these persons was not confined to the free States. But was manifested equally by citizens of Kentucky, who were cognizant of the facts in the case. In Casey-ville they were torn by a slave-holding mob from their class, and were then forced into the country westward, where they were exposed to the elements; and when milder counsels prevailed, and the 'fugitives' were brought before the proper authorities, as well as personal witness."

Here we see the practical working of a law which stands upon the discredited stool book of our nation by the New Hampshire Representatives; and under which any man, woman, or child in the United States, if found among strangers, may be seized, hurried before a Commissioner who is bribed by the law itself to decide against freedom, and doomed to infamious Slavery; and all the unsupervised affidavit of a perfidious kidnaper, whom lust or avarice may urge to the damnable deed! — Men, Christians, Democrats of New Hampshire! You are commanded to sanction this enactment, "Black as ink, little as hair," by re-electing the men who passed it, and who now tell you that they have no right to disown its provisions, inquire into its construction, or even to petition for its repeal! — Yield up it do?

The Indiana *Democrat*, the leading Democratic paper of that State, concludes an article on the above case as follows:

The first Fugitive Slave Case in Indiana, under the new law, has resulted in carrying into Slavery two white women and a little boy, who have been, by the act of a particle of African blood in their veins, condemned to slavery, and with the sanction of the Supreme Court. If so great an outrage can be perpetrated under a law which will not release him from the Bloody Bill? If the white women, and the little boy may be dragged from their homes incarcerated in the iron bands of slavery, to be consigned to slavery, what security is there for the free negro? Let the advocates of this infamous bill do this outrage if they dare!

For the Portland Inquirer.

LEBANON, Dec. 20, 1850.

Mr. WILLEY—Stormy as was the day yesterday, the number at our Thanksgiving assembly was respectable. We met, Congregationalists and Free Will Baptists, at the Rev. Mr. Loring's (Congregationalist) Church at the centre of the town. The Rev. Mr. Wm. H. Littlefield, (F. W. Baptist) from Mat. 22: 29, then with us there, rendered a discourse unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." The duties of Christians as politicians, the Higher Law, the Fugitive Slave Bill, and the like, were the points in the discussion. The sermon was able, eloquent, and powerful, and I only wish the whole town could have heard it. We are circulating our petition for the repeal of the infamous Fugitive Law. We have heard here that we have no fair right to petition for Repeal—but the business has all been settled—that none but traitors and disunionists will petition. Is this so? As you have the telegraph down in Portland, please give us the news.

Yours, H.

MEETING IN SUMMER—This meeting, adjourned from Paris, will be noticed, and unless we hear to the contrary we shall go up on the cars to Buckfield agreeably to our friend's suggestion. When appointed it was probably not known that the State Convention would be on the following week. That county is doing well.

Yours,

POSTMASTERS—We send notice for continuing the Inquirer, if they will state the REASONS why the paper is not taken from the office. Also by informing us whether subscribers who refuse to take the paper from the office, are receptive for payment.

ANY SUBSCRIBER who will obtain another and pay for his own one year in advance, shall have a receipt for the two for three dollars. This was our offer, and this we still adhere to. We hope too, that many will embrace this opportunity to save themselves and their neighbors a reasonable percentage.

BUFFALO REPUBLIC.—This sterling democratic paper is enlarged and furnished with news, and is a fine number. The Bouquet of Flowers was probably never exceeded by the style of engraving. For this edition alone, it is stated to have cost \$2700! The fashion plates are beautiful on the front, and the rest well-established reputation needs no aid of ours to add to its merit.

EP—The Thornton House, Saco, was burned on the 9th inst.

EP—The cars on the Portland and Kennebec railroad have reached Richmond.

EP—It is intended that every State representative in Maine be represented in the State Convention. Look to it early.

EP—About \$5,000,000 in gold have lately arrived from California. The cholera there has been recently received in the course of a few days. That was cheering—thanks to our friends.

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